

Owosso Shots Win.

At a shoot at Cobocah, Friday, B. S. Gaylord, M. F. Blair, L. W. Murphy, F. J. Douglas and John Rosevear took 10 of 11 prizes offered, including a Holstein bull won by Mr. Gaylord, a large turkey by Mr. Blair and a lot of other poultry by the different contestants. The bull was brought into Owosso properly decorated.

Masher Smashed.

A fellow claiming to be Arthur Shippey of Niles, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of using indecent language in the presence of women and will have a hearing today at 10 o'clock. He is accused of accosting two Owosso young ladies Tuesday evening and is also said to have been given considerable bruising when he stepped up to the girls and took hold of their arms.

Corunna Homes Sold.

Sheriff E. J. Herrick sold this week to Albert Curtis his new bungalow on West Frazier street in Corunna. Mr. Curtis sold his fine home on W. McArthur street to Geo. W. Clark of Clark & Crane and Mr. Herrick purchased the Lemunyon home on Frazier and Woodworth streets and will erect another bungalow on part of this property.

Refuse Sunday Shows.

The common council of Corunna on Monday refused to grant a petition of fifty business men and other citizens to allow the moving picture theater conducted by D. R. Salisbury to give Sunday exhibitions and in-structed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to make it illegal. There is considerable opposition to the passing of the ordinance and the question will undoubtedly cut some figure in the spring election.

Buys Hoffman Drug Store.

Frank Gute, who has been in charge of the Economy drug store practically all the time since it was started here by Hoffman Bros. of Jackson, has purchased the stock from Chas. F. Hoffman and will continue the business at the corner of Washington and Exchange streets. Mr. Hoffman has returned to Jackson to reside where he will engage in the drug business with his brother, M. Hoffman.

D. A. R. Officers.

The regular meeting of Shiawassee chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. M. Hume and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Regent—Mrs. Winona Waters.
First Vice Regent—Mrs. A. M. Hume.
Second Vice Regent—Mrs. Albert West.
Regiator—Mrs. J. Menzo Bentley.
Chaplain—Mrs. Adelaide Thompson.
Historian—Miss Lena Gregory.

Officers Elected.

The members of the Current Topic club held an interesting meeting on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Albert West. Besides an interesting paper on "Paganism and Christianity," read by Mrs. Joe Osburn, another feature of the meeting was the reading of the annual reports. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. C. C. Duff.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. J. J. Davis.
Cor. Sec'y—Mrs. Albert West.
Recording Sec'y—Mrs. B. G. Evans.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. C. VanCamp.

Contesting Will.

The hearing in the contest over the will of the late Cyrus Badgero, was held Monday in the probate court. The deceased left an estate of \$4,200 to his wife. At her death the property is to go to his son, Claude, and at the end of Claude's life, it is to go to Claude's son, now a small boy. If the boy dies childless, the estate goes to the Dorcas home. Claude Badgero is contesting the will, contending that his father had no legal right to tie up the estate for longer than the term of two lives.

Senior Ball.

The annual dancing party by the senior class of the Owosso high school was held Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. temple, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The music was furnished by Logan's orchestra of Lansing, and included solos and novelties which were extremely pleasing. About sixty couples were on the dance floor while the gallery was filled by relatives and friends of the students.

The grand march was led by Harold Gordon, president of the class, and Miss Frances Nichols. Misses Dorcas Clarke, Gladys Porter, Wilma Demuth, Zylpha Smith, Lucile Omer and Mary Thompson served punch. The patronesses were Mrs. and Mr. M. G. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McEain.

STATE WIDE PROHIBITION

Bill introduced in Legislature to Let People Vote on Question.

Senator Straight of Coldwater, has introduced a bill in the legislature providing for a state wide prohibition of the liquor traffic, the people to decide the question by a vote at the November election in 1916. The bill must, of course receive a majority vote in both the senate and house which is regarded as very doubtful. The submission of this question in this way is said to be objected to by many temperance people.

It is also expected a bill will be introduced and strongly urged, doing away with the present local option law.

Relief Committee Work.

The central relief and employment committee held its regular monthly meeting at the municipal court room Wednesday evening, disposed of routine business and decided definitely on a plan to raise funds sufficient to meet the salary of the settlement worker and other incidental expenses. A representative of each organization represented on the committee will solicit the constituency of that organization for subscriptions, and citizens not belonging to any charitable organization, will be asked to contribute. About \$75 a month is needed to defray expenses.

Miss Myrtle Chatterton, the settlement worker, submitted a report to the committee, showing that she has been doing effective work in many destitute homes.

Thomas-Nelson.

The marriage of Miss Ina Nelson and Lynn Thomas took place at the home of Rev. Wm. W. Colby, King street, Thursday, February 18. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Colby. The bride and groom kept their marriage a secret from relatives and friends until Saturday morning when they left on their honeymoon trip to Toledo, Ohio, and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are favorably known among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The bride, who is a daughter of Wm. H. Nelson, has assisted as clerk in various stores in this city. On their return they will make their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thomas, south of the city. Friends extend congratulations.

Death of W. E. Guthrie.

Word was received Thursday by Secretary Edward Stanard, of the Elks, of the death of Wilbur E. Guthrie, who for several years was manager of the Owosso & Corunna Electric line. About three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie moved from Owosso to Pittsburg, Pa., where they remained a short time. They later moved to Fort Jarvis, N. Y., where Mrs. Guthrie passed away last spring. Mr. Guthrie had been in poor health for some time. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and the Owosso Elks' lodge.

Surviving are three sons, Herbert T. and Edward H. of New York city and Robert, of Fort Jarvis. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon in Fort Jarvis.

Death of Herman C. Schlaack.

Herman C. Schlaack, a well known and highly respected citizen, passed away suddenly Sunday morning at one o'clock at his home on Chipman street. The funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and from the Salems Lutheran church at 2 o'clock, Rev. T. G. Hahn officiating.

Mr. Schlaack was born in Delik, Germany, December 18, 1846 where he was married to Miss Wilhelmina Pobanz in 1872. To this union were born ten children, eight of whom survive. In 1880 the family came to America and took up their residence in Findlay, O., and two years later removed to this city. During his residence here Mr. Schlaack was in the lumber business, being owner of the Schlaack wood yard on Chipman street.

For the past year Mr. Schlaack suffered with heart disease although his condition was not considered serious at any time up to the hour of his demise. He transacted business down town and did not retire until late Saturday night. Choking sounds aroused the family shortly before he expired. Mr. Schlaack was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and a member of the Lutheran Bund of Michigan.

Besides his widow, deceased is survived by the following relatives: Six sons and two daughters, Otto J. of Corunna; Charles, of Pontiac; Paul, of this city; Herman, of Warren, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Lynch, of this city; George, Theodore and Miss Minnie at home; three brothers and a sister, Albert, Rudolph and Mrs. Herman Lunzer of this city, and John of Germany.

ELKS WILL CELEBRATE

Lansing Brothers Will Be Guests of Honor.

The band will play, streets will be illuminated, fireworks exploded, a banquet served, a vaudeville performance staged and candidates initiated all in honor of Lansing Elks by Owosso and Shiawassee county Elks at the Temple in this city Tuesday evening, March 9.

Owosso lodge No. 753, B. P. O. E., elected the following officers Tuesday night, for the ensuing year.

Exalted Ruler—A. L. Nichols.
Esteemed Leading Knight—A. L. Denmore.

Esteemed Loyal Knight—G. F. Friegel.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Dr. F. S. Fritz.

Secretary—E. H. Stanard.
Treasurer—G. L. Taylor.

Trustee, three years—A. H. Northway.

Tyler—C. J. McNally.
Representative to grand lodge—James G. Rigley.

Alternate—Joseph H. Collins.

Arrangements were completed for the entertainment of Lansing lodge here Tuesday night, March 9.

Circuit Court.

Holding with the attorneys for the defense, who contended that the wrong action was started, Judge Miner directed a verdict Tuesday noon for the defendants in the case of Frederick Spiegel of Saginaw county against County Drain Commissioner Griffin of Shiawassee county, and the drain commissioner of Saginaw county. No testimony had been taken.

Spiegel was suing the commissioners for \$10,000 damages as a result of their canceling his contract for the digging of the Griffus drain, the cost to be paid jointly by Saginaw and Shiawassee counties. They took this action on the grounds that he was employing dilatory tactics and was allowing the work to drag too much.

As soon as the attorneys for the plaintiff completed their opening statement Monday, the attorneys for the defense made a motion for a verdict for the defendant. They claimed that the act of drain commissioners was judicial and not ministerial, and that the commissioners were not liable for damages. Therefore, they contended, Spiegel should have begun mandamus proceedings to compel the commissioners to draw an order for the remaining part of his contract price, and the court held with him.

The case will go to the supreme court.

Judge Miner took under advisement a motion of counsel for the Michigan Central railroad for a new trial in the case brought against the corporation by Charles Beebe of Owosso, and Fred L. Munson of Lansing, who were awarded verdicts by a jury during the present term because they were compelled to leave a Pullman car while en route from Mackinaw to Lansing. The motion is based on the contention the actions should have been brought against the Pullman Car Co.

The petition of the auditor general that 245 pieces of county property be sold for 1911 delinquent taxes was granted by Judge S. S. Miner, Monday. The homes of R. P. Bigelow, W. M. Kilpatrick, B. S. Sutherland and Frank Greenman of Owosso, appear in the list. It has been ordered, however, that these pieces of property be withheld until the objection of Mrs. Lee Woodard who owns the Greenman property is heard in the supreme court. The unpaid taxes on the Owosso property named are special assessments for paving Oliver and Washington streets.

Death of Mrs. Hiram Monroe.

Mrs. Hiram Monroe aged 74 years, died Friday at her home in Elgin, Ill., after a long illness. The remains were brought to Owosso and the funeral held from the Jennings' chapel Monday afternoon. Rev. J. P. Cooper officiating, assisted by Rev. H. Cansfield. Members of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges, the G. A. R. and W. R. C. attended.

Mrs. Monroe was for many years a resident of Owosso and was well known and highly respected for her many good qualities. She was an active worker in the Rebekah and W. R. C.

Surviving the deceased are the husband, two sons, Daniel A. Monroe, of Elgin, Ill., and Charles Dallas Monroe, of Lima, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. I. Resmussen, also of Elgin. She also leaves two brothers Edward of Youngstown, Ohio, and Arthur of Owosso. The remains were accompanied here by the husband and Mr. and Mrs. Resmussen.

Remarkably Successful Banquet.

The third annual banquet given by the Owosso Improvement Association last evening in Odd Fellow Temple was very largely attended and from every point of view a grand success. The speakers of the evening included Gov. Ferris, Lieut. Gov. Dickinson, Speaker Smith of the house of representatives, Senators Gansser, Fitzgibbons, Vedler, Foster, Representatives Culver, Watkins, Martin, Capt. J. O. Parker, E. O. Dewey, Rev. C. H. Hanks, L. B. Allison, W. A. Seegmiller, Geo. T. Campbell presided as toastmaster. The discussion of the evening centered about the armory appropriation and assurance of support for the same was given by the members of the legislature who spoke, while Gov. Ferris gave almost positive assurance that the bill now pending in the legislature to make available \$15,000 more money from the state would become a law. Beside the members of the legislature mentioned, Reps. Cowan, Clark, DeBoer, Even and Ross were present. The State military board was represented by Majors Vandercook, Rogers and Pepper. A further report will be given next week.

ARMORY BILL

The senate and house committees of the legislature on military affairs reported favorably on Wednesday on the bill giving Michigan cities in which cities in which armories are erected an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for each \$5,000 donated by the local community for the armory fund, limiting the same to \$15,000. If the measure finally passes, Owosso would be entitled to \$15,000 as \$13,000 has already been deposited with the state treasurer and a citizen who is interested in the welfare of both the city and the boys of Co. H has promised to donate \$2,000 to ensure the construction of a swimming pool in the building.

BUYS BREWERY PROPERTY

Roy D. Matthews Will Erect Two Stores on Land Facing on Main Street.

Roy D. Matthews has purchased from the Owosso Savings Bank the east 44 feet of the old brewery property at the corner of Main and Water streets and will have two store buildings erected using part of the brewery building.

Mr. Matthews has rented part of the brewery to men who will do furniture repairing and upholstery.

Week of Fires.

The city has had an epidemic of small fires this week, none of them, fortunately, being allowed to develop. Sunday morning fires were extinguished at the Scofield boarding house on Park street and the Zimmerman home on Cass street. Wednesday the home of Wm. Elliott on E. Mason street was considerably damaged by a fire in the roof starting from a defective chimney. Water also damaged the house furnishings. A few minutes after the fire department was called to the Laverock flat on West Williams street occupied by Samuel Sweet where slight damage was done to the roof. In the afternoon a fire at the home of A. Towzar on Cass street destroyed the roof of the house.

Celebrate Seventieth Birthday.

About 25 friends of Mrs. Walter Osborn, Saginaw street, members of Abigail Chapter, O. E. S., gathered at her home Wednesday evening to help her celebrate her 70th birthday anniversary. Each guest took a remembrance, and the Blue lodge, of which Mr. Osborn is a member, presented her with a handsome gift. Mrs. Osborn is one of the charter members of the O. E. S. and held the post of chaplain for about 15 years. The evening was delightfully spent with sociality. Mrs. Floyd Calkins and Mrs. Lola K. Brown gave clever recitations, and a very happy evening was enjoyed. Mrs. Osborn has been in poor health for nearly two years and has been unable to leave her home.

Surprise Rev. Cooper.

The members of the Asbury M. E. church gave their pastor, Rev. J. P. Cooper, a complete surprise Tuesday afternoon and evening. The occasion was the anniversary of his birthday. Many of the members, and friends of Mr. Cooper, called upon him at the parsonage and extended their hearty congratulations.

They also in a very practical way loaded down the parsonage table with many substantial things which go to satisfy the physical man.

On retiring they left their good wishes and prayers for the speedy recovery of their pastor who has been ill for several weeks, but is now improving.

SLOCUM AND BAILEY

Renominated for School Commissioner and Road Commissioner.

The primary election Wednesday, for the nomination of candidates for County School Commissioner and County Road Commissioner, resulted in an easy victory for Howard E. Slocum of Corunna, for the Republican nomination for school commissioner over Erwin S. Kingsbury of Vernon, the vote being 1136 to 608. Ray N. Bravender of Laingsburg, was unopposed for the democratic nomination and no other parties had regular candidates.

For road commissioner the only names on the ballot were in the republican column, and the result was the renomination of Roy C. Bailey of Caledonia, for a six year term over L. G. Cudney of Caledonia. The result in detail for road commissioner being as follows:

	Bailey	Cudney
Antrim	6	4
Bennington	34	17
Burns	29	13
Caledonia	41	121
Fairfield	16	12
Hazelton, No. 1	15	12
Hazelton No. 2	33	13
Middlebury	14	3
New Haven	32	35
Owosso township	12	19
Perry, No. 1	35	24
Perry No. 2	33	9
Rush	41	26
Sciota	27	10
Shiawassee	31	34
Vernon	24	74
Vernon, No. 1	52	22
Vernon No. 2	56	35
Vernon, No. 3	19	8
Woodhull	21	4
Owosso, 1st ward	88	45
Owosso, 2d ward	74	38
Owosso, 3d ward	54	31
Owosso, 4th ward	42	22
Owosso, 5th ward	50	24
Corunna, 1st ward	63	49
Corunna, 2nd ward	28	64
Corunna, 3rd ward	12	22
Totals	983	790

Bailey's majority, 193.
Complete returns show that School Commissioner Slocum defeated Erwin S. Kingsbury 1136 to 608.

CONTESTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Owosso Merchants Interested in Plans for Vegetable Raising and Canning of Fruit.

The Owosso Retail Merchants' association heard a fine talk Monday evening after a dinner had been served by the Ladies' Guild at the Episcopal parish house, by E. C. Lindemann of the M. A. C., who discussed the work of boys' and girls' clubs organized for the purpose of conducting contests in the raising of crops, principally corn, and in the canning of fruits and vegetables. He also touched upon the work of county agricultural experts, a matter of particular interest in Shiawassee at this time as steps have been taken to induce the board of supervisors to make an appropriation for an expert.

After Mr. Lindemann's talk the business men questioned him for some time concerning the operation of boys' and girls' clubs. The retailers' association has taken steps to have contests in this county during the present year in corn raising for the boys and canning for the girls. County School Commissioner Howard Slocum will furnish Prof. Lindemann with the names of the teachers of the county and as soon as he receives them he will send directions for the organization of clubs and the conditions to govern the contests. After these have been assimilated the teachers will get the pupils enrolled in clubs. It is hoped to form one club in each school district.

The Owosso association desires to induce merchants in different localities to award prizes of \$5 for first, \$3 for second and \$2 for third in the local contests. Then it is planned to have general contests in which the prize winners of the different localities will compete and for which the Owosso association will offer cash prizes aggregating about \$25 in each class.

Prof. Lindemann will return to Owosso, April 10 to give a demonstration of canning certain fruits and vegetables. The girls' contest will be along this line, they raising the products to be canned. Prizes will be awarded for the best canned products. The demonstration, the place of which has not yet been decided, will not be for girls only but all women who are interested are urged to attend. Next year the retailers' association plans to extend the work and to have six or seven contests.

Mr. F. W. Rayen and family will return from Detroit, Saturday, Mr. Rayen having sufficiently recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

FAVOR FARM EXPERT

Farmers' Clubs Also Oppose Passenger Rate Increase.

Although the attendance was light an enthusiastic meeting of the Shiawassee County association of Farmers' Clubs was held at the M. E. church in Corunna, Saturday afternoon. The association elected as officers for the ensuing year, W. H. Cook of Durand, chairman, and Mrs. Ada Wright of Durand, secretary.

The following resolutions submitted by the committee on resolutions, consisting of Washington Bingham, of Venice, F. Clark, of Vernon, and A. B. Cook, of Owosso, were adopted:

"Recognizing the great benefit which a county agriculturalist has proven in the counties where one has been engaged, therefore, be it resolved, that we favor the employment of an agriculturalist for Shiawassee county and we urge the board of supervisors to make the necessary appropriation.

"We believe that with economical administration and business-like management, the railroads of the state can be as prosperous as the average of other business enterprises of the state, and we do not favor any increase in passenger rates.

"We strongly favor the law excluding saloons from territory within five miles of any state educational institution.

"We do recommend that hereafter the winter meeting of the association be held at the same time as our county farmers' institute. We leave the details of the arrangement with our officers."

Because of the small attendance the morning program as arranged was not held but was incorporated with the afternoon program which was opened at 1:30 o'clock, when the assembly sang "America." Rev. C. E. Doty, pastor of the Methodist church, rendered the invocation. Mrs. G. S. Kentfield was not present to give her recitation, but later Mrs. Lottie Goodall of Owosso, recited. The remainder of the program was as follows:

Music, Miss Ruth Strauch, Vernon.
"The Signs of the Times," socially, Mrs. F. D. Clark, Vernon; agriculturally, A. B. Cook, Maple River; financially, W. A. Rosenkrans, Corunna; spiritually, Rev. T. E. Bennett, Vernon.
Music, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Lawson, Vernon.

S. S. Board Holds Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sunday school board of the First Methodist church was held Wednesday evening in the church parlors.

Reports from the various officers showed a very prosperous condition. The school has a total enrollment of over 900 and the attendance during the past year averaged 414 each Sunday. It was decided to ask each member of the school for a special missionary offering on Easter Sunday. The following officers were elected: Superintendent—W. A. Upham. Assistant Supt.—B. S. Sutherland. Assistant Supt.—H. Hawcroft. Secretary—Helen Gregory. Treasurer—A. F. Loomis. Librarian—Edna Schantz. Chorister—Lillian Vogel. Supt. Special Days—Mrs. E. F. Conant.

Pres. Missionary society—Mrs. W. F. Harriman.
Supt. Home Dept.—Ella Howe.
Supt. Cradle Roll—Mrs. E. W. Pettit.
Supt. Primary Dept.—Carrie Swarthout.
Assistant Supt. Primary Dept.—Ethel Shadbolt.
Secretary Primary Dept.—Mrs. Vida Hummel.
Chorister Primary Dept.—Agnes Cansfield.
Organist Primary Dept.—Grace Phillips.

Ministerial Meetings.

Monday 25 members of the Shiawassee County Ministerial association met at the Baptist church parlors. Rev. Hartley Cansfield read a paper on the subject, "The Pastor as a Student." At noon the association was entertained at dinner at Captain's Candyland by Rev. C. H. Hanks. In the afternoon the matter of keeping young men off the street at night was discussed. Captain Payne was placed in charge of the matter.

Nine members of the Shiawassee County Baptist Ministers association met at the Baptist church parlors Tuesday. Rev. E. J. Cross of Corunna, spoke in the morning on the topic, "An Up-to-date Bible School." Dr. Orlo Price of Lansing, spoke in the afternoon on "Keeping the Machinery Oiled."

A son was born Thursday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Chase, East Oliver street.